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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of

Eric H. BOCH et al.

Serial No. 09/174,002

Filed: October 16, 1998

For: CELLULAR BASE

STATION WITH INTEGRATED MULTIPOINT
RADIO ACCESS AND INTERCELL LINKING

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) Art Unit: 2732

) Examiner: Nguyen, P.

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) McLean, Virginia

) January 16, 2001

AMENDMENTHonorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231RECEIVED
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 13, 2000, a Petition for One Month Extension of Time being filed herewith (one month being sufficient as January 13, 2001 was a Saturday and January 15, 2001 was a holiday), please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

(As renumbered in the last Examiner Action.)

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26. (Amended) An interface system at a base station in a cell within a cellular wireless network for providing bi-directional wireless communications to Network Interface Units [Unite] (NIUs) within the cell and for providing a point to point direct inter-cell radio link for communicating with a base station in a neighboring cell comprising; a multi-services switch equipped with a first one or more radio interface card for providing wireless communications between the base station and the NIUs and a second one or more interface card for providing the direct inter-cell radio link.

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34. (Amended) A base station in a cell of a cellular, wireless communications network for providing wireless, bi-directional communication with network interface units (NIUs) within the cell and for providing a point to point direct inter-cell radio link with a